

1. (Currently Amended) A fencing system for confining climbing animals, said system comprising:

a plurality of vertical posts, each vertical post having a top end and a bottom end;

a plurality of canopy support brackets that are supported by said vertical posts, each canopy support bracket having a first end, a second end and an apex point disposed between said first end and said second end, wherein ~~an~~ a rigid ascending section exists between said first end and said apex point, and a descending section exists between said apex point and said second end; and

a continuous section of flexible netting suspended between said vertical posts and said canopy support brackets, said flexible netting being attached to said vertical posts, said ascending section of each said canopy support bracket and said descending section of each said canopy support bracket, wherein said flexible netting is supported vertically by said vertical posts, said flexible netting is supported in an ascending angle to an apex point above said vertical posts by each said ascending section of said canopy support brackets, and said flexible netting is supported in a descending angle from said apex point to said second end of said canopy support brackets by each said descending section of said canopy support brackets.

2.(Original) The system according to Claim 1, wherein said first end of said canopy support brackets selectively interconnect with said top end of said vertical posts, whereby said canopy support brackets are supported above said vertical posts.

3.(Original) The system according to Claim 1, wherein said ascending section and said descending section of each canopy support bracket is straight.

4.(Currently Amended) The system according to Claim 3, wherein said ascending section and said descending section of each canopy support bracket intersect at said apex point at a perpendicular angle.

5. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, wherein said flexible netting is comprised of intersecting filaments having a diameter of less than 0.10 inches that define net openings of at least one square inch.

6. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, wherein said flexible netting is black.

7. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, further including mounting elements that engage said vertical posts and support said vertical posts in a vertical orientation.

8. (Original) The system according to Claim 7, wherein said mounting elements are ground anchor sleeves that are selectively driven into the ground, wherein said ground anchor sleeves receive said vertical posts and support said vertical posts in said vertical orientation.

9. (Original) The system according to Claim 7, wherein said mounting elements are eyebolts that are set into an existing object, wherein said eyebolts receive said vertical posts therethrough

and support said vertical posts in said vertical orientation.

10. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, further including ties for selectively binding said flexible netting to said vertical posts and said canopy support brackets.

11. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, further including a protective mesh that extends partially up said vertical posts and along the ground.

12. (Original) The system according to Claim 11, wherein said protective mesh is defined by intersecting metal wires.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of constructing a fence, comprising the steps of:

erecting a plurality of supports along a periphery to be fenced, wherein each of said supports has a vertical section, an ascending section that extends at an angle above said vertical section to an apex point, and a descending section that extends downwardly from said apex point to a free end;

~~suspending~~ attaching a ~~continuous section of flexible netting along to each said vertical section, said ascending section and said descending section of said supports,~~ wherein said flexible netting is supported vertically by each said vertical section of said supports, said flexible netting is supported in an ascending angle to said apex point by each said ascending section of said supports, and said flexible netting is supported in a descending angle from said apex point to said free end of said supports by each said descending section of said supports.

14. (Original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said step of erecting a plurality of supports includes the substeps of:

erecting a plurality of vertical posts;

attaching a canopy support bracket to each of said posts, wherein each said canopy support bracket embodies said ascending section and said descending section of each said support.

15. (Original) The method according to Claim 14, wherein said substep of erecting a plurality of vertical posts includes driving ground anchor sleeves into the ground and inserting a vertical post into each ground anchor sleeve.

16. (Original) The method according to Claim 14, wherein said substep of erecting a plurality of vertical posts includes attaching eyebolts to an existing object and inserting said vertical posts through said eyebolts.

17. (Original) The method according to Claim 14, further including the step of placing a wire mesh between said supports proximate the ground.

18. (Original) The method according to Claim 14, wherein said flexible netting is comprised of intersecting filaments, wherein each filament has a diameter of less than 0.10 inches and said filaments define net openings having an area of at least one square inch.